

## THE MIRAGE.

An Engineer's Impressions After Viewing the Fantastic Phenomenon.

"I have seen the mirage several times in Arizona and southern California," said a railroad engineer of New Orleans to a Times-Democrat man, "and every description of the phenomenon I have ever read was ridiculously inaccurate. My first experience with the real thing was in eastern Arizona, about 50 miles from the state line. The country at that point is a rolling, grass-covered plain, ideal for grazing purposes, and the day was sweltering hot, without a breath of wind. I was on horseback with a couple of companions on the way to a railroad camp in the vicinity, and, happening to glance along the landscape, I was astonished by an extraordinary apparition some distance to the south. It looked like a bunch of cattle with enormously long legs, upon which they towered at least a hundred feet into the air, while in the horizon, about on a line with their bodies, was a long, blue, misty streak, like a dim, floating island. The cattle were moving to and fro and the effect was indescribably strange and fantastic. While I was staring with all my eyes, wondering whether I had suddenly gone crazy, one of my companions looked around and shouted 'El cavalos!' which is Mexican border patois for the mirage. Then the whole thing was plain to me. It was simply an illusion produced by the intense heat and certain peculiar atmospheric conditions. We looked at it for perhaps a quarter of an hour before it began to gradually fade. In a little while everything was normal. The next time I witnessed the phenomenon was on the Arizona desert, the other side of the Tucson. On that occasion it had the appearance of a long stretch of glistening sand, raised perhaps three degrees above the horizon line. Underneath it I could see the clear sky. It seemed to be a double reflection of the extreme edge of the landscape. I afterward saw substantially the same thing in lower California, south of Death valley, and was told by natives that the appearance was quite common. I am unable to understand how travelers could ever mistake it for water. Each time I saw it was self-evidently an optical illusion."

## SHETLAND SHEEP.

Are Small and Active Like the Ponies—Have Fine Wool.

The wool of the pure native Shetland sheep is generally compared to merino on account of its fine texture. Like the Shetland pony, the pure Shetland sheep is a small and very active creature, often to be seen moving with the swiftness and agility of a goat or chamois among the cliffs and crags of the shore. For the first few months the lambs live on the hill pasture with their mothers, but toward the close of summer they are taken in from the hill and tethered, usually in pairs, on the grass inside the dikes that separate the hill pasture from the crofts. This is done, says Chambers' Journal, to give them a better chance of standing the winter, but when bad weather really sets in they are shut up in snug and comfortable little folds every night, and regularly fed. In spring they are again allowed to run free on the hill pasture.

The wool of the native sheep is not generally clipped or shorn. On the big farms, where cheviot and black-faced sheep are kept, shearing is, of course, the practice; but the Shetlanders leave the sheep's fleece intact till the wool is ripe, so to speak, and just about to come off of itself, then it is rooed or pulled off carefully, so as not to hurt the creature, and any part of it that does not come off readily is left till later. The women card and spin the wool, and spend the long winter evenings knitting it by the light of the bright peat fires on the hearths of their cozy cottages, while the rain and sleet, and perhaps the driving sea spray, dash against the panes of the small window, and the wind roars down the stunted chimney of the low thatched roof.

## A Compliment.

A Fifth avenue photographer is telling the story of an incident which amused him, although it involved a compliment which he missed. A woman came into the building and asked if the best photographer in the city had a studio there, "with a hairdresser's establishment under it." "You are in the right place, madam," returned the elevator man, who was questioned, "for this is the best photographer in the city, though there is no hairdresser in the building." The woman rose with a sigh: "I suppose I have made a mistake," she said; "I wanted the hairdresser."—N. Y. Times.

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## FOR HEALTH'S SAKE.

Kansas Man and Family Make Long Journey in Wagon.

Traveled Over 3,000 Miles in the Course of a Year—Trip Cured Head of the Expedition of Pulmonary Disease.

E. E. Farnsworth and his family have just returned to Winfield, Kan., after an absence of a year, during which time they have completed one of the most remarkable journeys recorded in the annals of the west.

Traveling in a specially constructed wagon, during the 357 days they covered over 3,000 miles, including some of the least explored sections of the boundless west, traversed six states and even invaded Mexico, discovered and investigated some practically unknown cliff dwellings, and returned home with the same team of horses with which they started.

The party consisted of E. E. Farnsworth, his wife, and her father, L. Small, and for one year they lived in their novel house on wheels and never saw the interior of a hotel or ordinary dwelling. In the course of their pilgrimage whenever they came to a place they liked they simply halted the wagon and took up a temporary residence, remaining until they were weary of the location or their stock of provisions became exhausted.

The novel trip was originally conceived by Mr. Farnsworth as being his only chance to escape the ravages of consumption. For several years he had been gradually going into a decline, and, acting on the warning of his physician that unless he secured a change of air and scene his condition was hopeless, Mr. Farnsworth devised the idea of making a tour of the west in a specially constructed wagon. One year ago, when he left, he could scarcely totter into the wagon owing to his weakness and emaciation, whereas at the present time, as a result of his extraordinary journey, he is hale and hearty, the picture of bronzed, robust health, and seems to be permanently cured of all his ailments.

"The wagon on which we made our long journey, and which for one year was our only home, was specially constructed for the trip after designs devised and prepared by myself," said Mr. Farnsworth. "The bed of the car was on springs, two feet longer than an ordinary wagon box. The sides and top consisted of a skeleton frame of white pine, covered with painted sail cloth. The car proper was ten feet long, the first two feet in front being used for a seat under which was constructed a clothes press in such a manner that by pushing the seat forward it could be opened from either the inside or outside of the car.



LONG WAGON JOURNEY. (Kansas Man and Family Travel 3,000 Miles in One Year.)

In order to secure light and ventilation we had a window in each door and a window in each side that could be raised and lowered. Line holes were drilled through the front door so that in stormy weather we could drive from the inside. In one corner we had a small stove and cooking utensils, along the sides we had two folding beds (two sets of springs on hinges), and a folding table.

"The car and gear complete weighed only 1,400 pounds, and, including our own weight, provisions, etc., only pulled down the beam at a little more than a ton. During all the long journey of 3,000 miles, not one day's illness of any kind marred or interrupted the trip, and my pair of horses returned home stronger and better than when we started.

"The entire trip was made with the same team and the average progress per day when traveling was 23 miles. The total cost was small and did not reach \$1,000. The wagon cost \$175, provisions and expenses aggregated about \$800, a total of \$975—or little more than it would have cost us three persons to live at home."

## Big Demand for Excelsior.

The present annual production in this country of excelsior is about 60,000 tons. Put to a great variety of uses, excelsior is most commonly used for packing purposes, and in such uses it is employed for many very different kinds of things. It is used, for example, in the packing of things so fragile as eggs, and things so solid as iron toys. In the variety of uses to which it is put excelsior is most in demand where manufacturing is carried on, so that the larger part of the great quantity of this material now produced in this country is used east of the Mississippi river.

## Childish Idea of Happiness.

A queer idea of happiness was manifested by two little girls of London who, through the kindness of a clergyman's wife, were sent to the country to have a happy day. On their return they thus narrated their experiences: "Oh, yes, mum, we did have a 'appy day. We see two pigs killed and a gentleman buried."

## BREVITIES OF FUN.

Sunday School Teacher—"Who is meant by the father of lies?" Johnny (with recent history in his mind)—"Some Chinese, I guess."—Baltimore American.

"Isn't that prominent politician something of an egotist?" "I think so; he won't even let his wife's photograph be taken without his bust in the background."—Indianapolis Journal.

"The most considerate wife I ever heard of," said the Cornfed Philosopher, "was a woman who used to date all her letters a week or so ahead, to allow her husband time to mail them."—Indianapolis Press.

Mrs. Partleigh—"I ought to ask Tittleton, I know; but I'm afraid if he comes here once he'll be coming all the time." Partleigh—"We could ask him some evening when Bertha is doing her piano practice."—Boston Transcript.

He—"While I was out sailing this summer I fell overboard into a very stormy sea." She—"My gracious! But they rescued you, didn't they?" "Oh, yes! They pulled me out of course." "Oh, my! I'm so glad to hear you weren't drowned."—Philadelphia Record.

Repartee—"There's no use mincing matters, my dear; the fact is, you are not an expert cook." She—"I think the trouble is that you do not know what good cooking is." He—"And evidently you do not intend that I shall become any wiser."—Boston Transcript.

## A VALUABLE DISCOVERY.

Bat Guano Caves Found in Southern New Mexico.

Southern New Mexico is a land of natural curiosities, and one at least of these is proven to have a high commercial value. A resident of that district had the good fortune a few years ago to accidentally stumble upon several bat caves, one of which is stated to be some six miles in length, and as he has shipped in the last two years 3,392,240 pounds of phosphate or guano from these caves, for which he has received about \$48 per ton, it can be understood that the present and prospective value of these caves is considerable. It can readily be understood that bat guano possesses great value as a fertilizer, and the value of the caves is enhanced by the fact that beneath the guano is a considerable deposit of phosphatic rock (the remains of defunct bats), which, when ground up and treated with phosphoric acid, is highly prized as a fertilizer.

Since the discovery of these ancestral homes of the bats, in which they have made their resting place for unnumbered centuries, the search for more such caves has continued intermittently, says the Scientific American, and it is probable that many more valuable finds of this nature will be made; for the section of the country in which they lie is literally infested with this obnoxious, but very lucrative, little creature. The caves which are frequented by bats are of lava formation, and carry evidence of having been subject to violent volcanic action. A remarkable bat trait is mentioned by our correspondent, which has the effect of rendering the caves of permanent value. It seems that after the entire front of the first of these caves to be opened had been torn down to within a foot or so of the narrow openings through which for centuries the bats have come and gone, the little creatures continued, and still continue, to follow the ways of their ancestors. Flying upward past the large openings, they would squeeze in and out of the caves as of old. Since the first cleaning out of one cave seven tons of guano have been removed, all of which had been deposited subsequently to the first removal. It is estimated that from the deposits which have already been discovered, there has been an annual crop of about 1,500 tons of guano.

## Bricks from the Waste Heap.

A glass manufacturing firm of St. Helen's, Lancashire, England, is constructing a plant for making brick from the waste heaps of glass-making establishments. According to the Mechanical Engineer, this refuse, of which millions of tons have accumulated, consists mainly of spent sand, minute particles of glass, and about three per cent. of iron from the various processes. It has hitherto been considered that the presence of the iron prevented the use of the material in the manufacture of bricks. The experiments carried out by the inventor, Dr. Ormandy, have established the fact that bricks can be produced out of the waste by special treatment.—Railway and Engineering Review.

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